[English]

Hi-Tech Centre

4225. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for setting-up a Hi-tech Centres in Electronic field at Cheerayam, Trichure, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). No such proposal has been received in the Department of Electronics. However, a proposal for financial assistance for setting up an innovation centre at the Technopark, Trivandrum has been received from the Government of Kerala.

[Translation]

Poorvanchal Development Fund

4226. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Poorvanchal Development Fund has been earmarked in the Uttar Pradesh budget and if so the total amount of allocation made therein during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the district-wise amount of allocation made out of the Fund;

(c) whether the Government propose to make any direct allocation towards the Poorvanchal Development Fund on the lines of hilly areas and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the policy of the Government regarding deteriorating condition of Poorvanchal and whether the Government propose to improve the condition of Poorvanchal by extending special financial aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The funds approved under Poorvanchal Development Nidhi during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 stood at Rs. 3997.10 lakhs, Rs. 3985.66 lakhs and Rs. 4800.00 lakhs respectively.

(b) The district-wise allocation of funds under Poorvanchal Development Nidhi is indicated in the statement-I attached.

(c) No, Sir. The development of districts within the State is the prime responsibility of the State. The Planning Commission, however, assists in overall development of the State by way of allocation of Plan funds.

(d) Poorvanchal Development Nidhi has been established for development of Poorvanchal regions under which additional funds are provided. Besides under decentralised planning, funds on the basis of population, proportion of SC/ST, backwardness, etc. are also provided to Poorvanchal. District Plan outlay for Poorvanchal increased by Rs 22721.68 lakhs during 1996-97 as compared to 1995-96. The district-wise details have been indicated in the Statement-II enclosed.

STATEMENT-I

District-wise allocation of Funds under Poorvanchal Development Nidhi

(In Lakh Rs.)

District		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Varanasi	322.96	269.89	181.79
2.	Bhadohi	N.A.	77.00	273.94
3.	Mirzapur	109.47	135.56	88.60
4.	Ghazipur	174.28	189.16	236.13
5.	Sonbhadra	109.47	104.89	251.62
6.	Azamgarh	235.87	194.92	177.76
7.	Mau	109.47	91.46	17.56
8.	Ballia	162.76	233.13	192.06
9.	Jaunpur	236.78	290.88	196.91
10.	Gorakhpur	214.64	217.68	526.19
11.	Maharajganj	140.76	115.91	185.78
12.	Basti	204.04	209.34	226.65
13.	Sidharthnagar	147.57	150.82	239.06
14.	Deoria	329.70	249.37	867.54
15.	Padrauna	N.A.	186.27	420.94
16.	Allahabad	328.39	275.55	128.82
17.	Pratapgarh	217.35	182.69	249.64
18.	Faizabad	313.06	276.27	172.74
19.	Sultanpur	190.97	231.39	16.05
20.	Gonda	260.48	226.77	29.93
21.	Bahraich	189.16	197.39	108.39
22.	Ambedkar Nagar	N.A.	N.A.	37.47

STATEMENT-II

District Plan Outlay (Poorvanchal)

(Lakh Rs.)

Districts		1995-96	1996-97	Increase
1		2	3	4
1.	Varanasi	2211.13	3451.06	1239.93
2.	Bhadohi	747.42	1166.55	419.13
3.	Ghazipur	1797.07	2850.82	1053.75